



Do you or your family member:

- *Have a diagnosis of one of the Autism Spectrum Disorders,*
- *Have a full scale IQ of 70 or over,*
- *Are at least 18 years of age and have exited from school services?*

You may be interested in participating in the new Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Pilot Project.

Special Note:

Eligibility for the Autism Spectrum Disorder Pilot Project does not assure that requests for services can be met immediately or in full or beyond the pilot program. For the individuals receiving services, the services are provided within available appropriations based on the needs of the individuals and of the CT ASD Pilot Project criteria.

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ELIGIBILITY

The following criteria will determine eligibility for inclusion will be established through a review of personal, clinical and educational records. Records need to indicate :

1.
 - a. Diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder made through Psychological and/or Psychiatric Evaluation (s) that clearly outline the justifications for the differential diagnosis.
 - b. Legal residency in the State of Connecticut
 - c. Impairment prior to age 22 years
 - d. Impairment expected to continue indefinitely (chronic)
 - e. Substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas of major life activity: Self Care, Receptive and Expressive language, Learning, Mobility, Self-Direction, Capacity for Independent Living and Economic Self-Sufficiency
 - f. Cognitive and adaptive functioning above the level of mental retardation (i.e. IQ equal to or greater than 70)
 - g. At least 18 years of age and have exited from school services
 - h. If an individual has a co-morbid psychiatric disorder:

The individual must possess a level of coping skills, reality testing, personality integration, and impulse control necessary to be able to take advantage of the services offered by the Autism Spectrum Disorder Adult Program and the individual is receiving any psychiatric treatment needed for him/her to utilize the services offered by the Program. An applicant may be denied eligibility if the co-morbid psychiatric disorder predominates and is likely to render services which may be available through the Autism Spectrum Disorder Adult Program ineffective. [NOTE: "Co-morbidity" means a concomitant but unrelated pathological or disease process.] The individual would be able to re-apply at such time that the psychiatric disorder is stabilized.

2. If any relevant information is not available during the intake process and later becomes available, the person's continuing eligibility in the program will be reevaluated.

3. If a Medicaid funded service becomes available Through the Program, participants are expected to enroll In the Medicaid and to access reimbursement for the Service through his/her Medicaid benefits.

4. Applicants must live in: Ansonia, Avon, Beacon Falls, Berlin, Bethany, Bloomfield, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, Cheshire, Clinton, Derby, Durham, East Hartford, East Granby, East Haven, East Windsor, Enfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Guilford, Hamden, Hartford, Hebron, Killingworth, Madison, Manchester, Marlborough, Meriden, Middlefield, Middletown, Milford, New Britain, New Haven, Newington, North Branford, Orange, Oxford, Plainville, Plymouth, Rocky Hill, Seymour, Shelton, Simsbury, South Windsor, Somers, Southington, Suffield, Vernon, Wallingford, and West Hartford.

PILOT PROGRAM

The vision of the CT ASD Pilot Project is:

- To enable eligible adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) who do not have mental retardation to lead lives that are as functional and independent as possible given their level of disability.
- The Department of Developmental Services is required under Section 37 of Public Act 06-188 to establish a small pilot program for individuals who have ASD and do not have mental retardation and are not receiving services from DDS.
- DDS is expecting to offer individuals in this pilot project, the opportunity to engage in a coordinated system of supports and services.
- The objective of the pilot is to document the CT ASD Pilot Program implementation and short-term costs and effects. The documentation will be used for policy makers and program providers to determine future steps and initiatives for this program.

How to Apply

Call the Autism Spectrum Services Division of the Department of Developmental Services @ **860-418-6078** for an application. Eligibility determination will be established through review of individual diagnostic evaluations and other sources of information. You will be asked to provide the following information:

1. Copy of Birth Certificate
2. Copy of Social Security Card
3. Proof of CT residence (driver's license, non-driver photo ID, tax form, etc.)
4. Psychological Testing (this testing can usually be obtained from schools, other agencies or private psychologists.) Psychological testing must indicate both cognitive (IQ) and adaptive testing results and specify a diagnosis. If psychological testing is not available, it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide this testing.
5. If there are any psychiatric evaluations, these should be included.
6. Copies of Educational information
7. Guardianship or Conservator Forms from the Probate Court, if applicable
8. Copy of CT Medicaid Card